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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VESCO EXTRADITION: TRANSLATION OF INDICTMENT

REF: SAN JOSE 4118

1. EDUARDO ORTIZ ADVISED EMBASSY SEPTEMBER 3 THAT HIS WORK ON EXTRADITION QUESTIONNAIRE HAS COME TO A HALT AS RESULT OF LACK OF TRANSLATION OF INDICTMENT. ORTIZ HAS TRANSLATED SOME KEY PARTS FOR HIS CRIMINAL LAWYER COLLEAGUE, BUT EMPHASIZES THAT THE CRIMINAL LAWYER MUST SEE ENTIRE TRANSLATION IN ORDER TO COMPARE INDICTMENT TO LOCAL CRIMINAL CODE. INCIDENTALLY, ORTIZ SAYS THAT ON BASIS OF WHAT THEY HAVE SEEN, THEY FEEL THEY HAVE EQUIVALENT OF A CRIMINAL CASE HERE.

2. ORTIZ PLANNING A TEN DAY TRIP TO ATTEND A LEGAL CONVENTION IN COLOMBIA ABOUT SEPTEMBER 20. HE IS MOST INTERESTED IN COMPLETING HIS WORK BEFORE THAT TIME.

3. ORTIZ IS DISTURBED THAT HIS WORK SCHEDULE HAS BEEN DISRUPTED BY LACK OF WASHINGTON AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND FUNDS TO TRANSLATE INTO SPANISH THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT DOCUMENT IN ANY CONTEMPLATED EXTRADITION REQUEST. HE STATED TO EMBOFF THAT HE TRUSTS THAT THIS DELAY IS NOT INDICATIVE OF HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE TO GET FUTURE DECISIONS OUT OF WASHINGTON, OR THAT IT MEANS THAT USG IS FOOT-DRAGGING IN VESCO CASE. (LIKE MANY COSTA RICANS, CONFIDENTIAL

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ORTIZ SOMETIMES HAS HIS DOUBTS ABOUT SERIOUSNESS OF USG

INTENTIONS RE VESCO EXTRADITION ATTEMPT). EMBOFF COUNSELLED PATIENCE TO ORTIZ, AND ATTRIBUTED LACK OF AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND \$600-800 FOR TRANSLATION TO US BUREAUCRACY. HE EMPHASIZED ONCE AGAIN THAT USG DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO PROCEED WITH EXTRADITION WILL DEPEND TO LARGE EXTENT ON ORTIZ' RESPONSES TO QUESTIONNAIRE AND ON RESULTS OF HIS FUTURE CONSULTATIONS WITH STATE AND JUSTICE LAWYERS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IN ORDER FOR ORTIZ TO COMPLETE HIS WORK, AND FOR USG TO MAINTAIN CREDIBILITY WITH LAWYER WE HAVE CHOSEN TO HANDLE THIS CASE, WASHINGTON DECISION ON EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS TO TRANSLATE INDICTMENT IS REQUESTED. TWO WEEKS HAVE PASSED SINCE REQUEST WAS MADE (SAN JOSE 4118). REQUEST REPLY BY IMMEDIATE CABLE. TODMAN

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